

Chapter 16 Back Alley







THIS STORY UNFOLDS AROUND GONGXI, A MAN WHO MOVES UP LIVING IN A HIGH-OUT THAT IS ASSOCIATED WITH A MAJOR FAC-
TION CALLED LOVELY MOUNTAIN. LIVING THERE WITH HIM IS A YOUNG GIRL WHO WORKS AS A KILLER. AMONG THE DAYS OF
TURNING, THE TWO OF THEM FIND THEMSELVES DRAWN TO ONE ANOTHER. THE BOY WHO WORKS AS A HITMAN FOR DRAGON'S
BEARD IS TARGETING HER AND COMES TO THE HIGH-OUT WHERE SHE LIVES, BUT HE FINDS OUT THAT MARIANE, THE PERSON IN
CHARGE OF THE SHOP, IS THE ONE WHO KILLED HIS FATHER AND BLAME HIM DOWN RIGHT THEN AND THERE. HE SAID THAT HE
WANT THE LONG-LOST BROTHER FOR WHOM SHE IS SEARCHING.











YOU HAVE
REACHED THE
VOCALMAIL OF
MANOME.



I CAN SENSE
SOMEONE'S
PRESENCE, SO
WHY ISN'T HE
ANSWERING?!

DID
SOMETHING
HAPPEN
UPSTAIRS?!







YOU HAVE
REACHED
THE
VOICE-
RAIL..

LOVE
BEEP



TAP

TAP

TAP

LOVE
BEEP

TO KATSURA
SUBJECT: EMERGENCY
GET BACK OVER HERE
SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT
ON THE THIRD FLOOR
MINORU-SAN LEFT A
NOTE AND HASN'T COME
BACK SINCE EVER SINCE.



I'M
TELLING
YOU
THIS IS
THE
PITS.

HA
HA
HA
HA!

WHAT?
ARE
YOU
SERIOUS
MAY?

THAT'S
NOT
THE
HAIR
OF IT

HA
HA
HA
HA!

HAHA-
HAHA!
THAT'S
HEAR-
OUS!



SO WHEN
IT COMES
TO THESE
TYPES OF
SITUATIONS,
I'M GOING
TO RELY
ON ME? I'M
PATHETIC.

BUT



I'LL
LET YOU
KNOW,
TOO..













DO YOU
KNOW
RAI?

BUT
NATURALLY,
I CONSID-
ERED THE
POSSIBILITY
THAT YOU
WEREN'T
HIM.



...WHO
ARE
YOU?

I
THOUGHT
YOU WERE
RAI
BECAUSE
I HEARD
YOU
WANTED
TO SEE
ME.



GET
?



YOU,
TOO.



TO THINK
YOU COULD
SPEAK
SO MUCH
UNDER
THESE
KINDS OF
CIRCUM-
STANCES...



WHY
DON'T
WE
LOWER
OUR
GUNS
FOR
NOW?

HHMM.

IF YOU
WANT TO
KNOW ABOUT
RAI, YOU'LL
LISTEN TO
WHAT I HAVE
TO SAY.
RIGHT?



I WAS
REALLY
SURPRISED.

HE
WAS THE
GUY WHO
KILLED
MY DAD!!

FIRST, I WANT
TO MAKE THIS
CLEAR, BUT
I HAD NO
INTENTION
OF KILLING
MANONE-SAN.

I HEARD HE
WAS REALLY
DANGEROUS, AFTER
ALL. BUT I CAME
HERE TO SEE YOU,
AND I GOT A LOOK
AT HIS FACE.



I LOST
MY
COOL,
AND I
WENT
AND
KILLED
HIM.

IT'S
ALL
BECAUSE
OF HIM.



AFTER THAT
HAPPENING
I WAS ALL
ALONE AND
WENT THROUGH
HELL FOR THE LONGEST TIME.



HE'S
LYING DEAD
IN THE BACK
ALLEY LIKE
A BEAT-UP
RAG DOLL!
AAAAH-
HAHA...!

I DON'T
KNOW IF IT'S
BECAUSE HE
FELT GUILTY,
BUT HE
DIDN'T EVEN
PUT UP A
FIGHT! IT
CAME TO AN
END SO
EASILY!



COME
AND BE
ONE OF
US.

AND I
DIDN'T
COME
HERE
TO KILL
YOU.



RAI
TOLD
ME TO
COME
HERE.



RAI'S A
MEMBER
OF
DRAGON'S
BEARD,
TOO.



BUT YOU JUST
JOINED LOVELY
HOMETOWN BY
CHANCE, RIGHT?
YOU DON'T
REALLY HAVE
ANY ATTACHMENTS
TO THEIR
ORGANIZATION?

ONE OF
DRAGON'S
BEARD'S
EXECUTIVES
TOLD ME TO
KILL YOU.



I
WANTED
TO ASK
YOU WHY
YOU KILL
PEOPLE.

EVER SINCE I
HEARD THERE WAS
GIRL IN LOVELY
HOMETOWN WHO
WAS ABOUT THE
SAME AGE AS I,
AND HAD KILLED
TONS OF PEOPLE,
I ALWAYS WANTED
TO MEET YOU.



THAT GUY
YOU LIKE
WOULDN'T
KILL
ANOTHER
PERSON,
RIGHT?

NORMALLY,
YOU STILL
WOULDN'T
KILL
SOMEONE
BECAUSE
OF THAT



"WHY?"
THERE'S NO
PARTICULAR
REASON.

I
JUST
KILL THEM
BECAUSE
THEY'RE
MY
ENEMIES.



BUT YOU DON'T THINK YOU CAN GO BACK TO LIVING A NORMAL LIFE AT THIS POINT, DO YOU?

YOU LOOKED LIKE YOU WERE HAVING FUN WHEN YOU WERE WITH THAT GUN.



MEI, YOU'RE ONE OF "US."

REGARDLESS OF HOW MUCH BLOOD YOU SULLY YOUR HANDS WITH, YOU DON'T THINK ANYTHING OF IT, RIGHT?



CLATTER

...HSH?

BLAM



BLAM

NOT WITH BLOOD-STAINED HANDS LIKE YOURS...



YOU'RE
JUST LONELY,
AREN'T YOU?

I'LL
SEARCH
FOR HIM
AFTER I
KILL YOU,
SO IT'S
NOT A
PROBLEM.

I
CAN'T BE
BOtherED
WITH
THIS.

WHAT'S
THE DEAL?!
DON'T YOU
WANNA SEE
RAI?!!



I'M GONNA HAVE
TO LIVE IN DARK
BACK ALLEYS!
AND IT'S GOING
TO BE THAT WAY
FOR THE REST
OF MY LIFE!!!

...YEAH,
I AM!!!



BUT THE
SAME THING
GOES FOR
YOU, TOO!!







IT'S
HARD TO
SHOOT
WITH YOU
TREMB-
LING
LIKE
THAT.



HELL
NO, YOU
LOWLIFE!!



ARE
YOU
GOING
TO BE
FOR
YOUR
LIFE?



I'M
BETTER
OFF
DEAD!!!

EVEN
IF I
STAY
ALIVE
THIS
IS A
LIVING
HELL!!



LOW-
LIFE,
HUNH?
I GET
THAT
A LOT.



...
MML...



BUT
I'M NOT
ALL
THAT
ADVERSE
TO IT

YOU'RE
RIGHT
LIFE IS
HELL.



I
WANTED
YOU
TO...



I THINK
HE WOULD
HAVE HAD
SOME FUN
TIMES
EVERY
NOW AND
THEN,
TOO.

AND IF
CHAN
WERE
ALIVE,









NO.

THE TRUTH IS
YOU FEEL RELIEVED,
DON'T YOU?

YOU DIDN'T
END UP HAVING
TO KILL YOUR
SISTER.



RAI,



...I
SUPPOSE
SO.



...WELL,
EVEN IF
I DON'T
KILL
HER,



SHE'LL
PROBABLY
WIND UP
DEAD
EVENTUALLY.

MY
SISTER
ISN'T
VERY
BRIGHT
SO...

**RAI WAS A MEMBER OF DRAGON'S BEARD.
THE SIBLINGS TURN OUT TO BE
ENEMIES OF ONE ANOTHER...
SUCH A CRUEL FATE!**